

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Rewrite the paragraph that begins at page 13, line 5 as follows:

This objective according to the present invention is achieved with a track-tightening device ~~according to the most general definition of claim 1 and for the preferred or possible variants defined in the dependent claims~~ for crawlers, comprising an undercarriage or bogie consisting of a structure (20) which includes elements (21) for carrying lower supporting rollers (2) as well as idler back-pull wheels (11) and optionally a crawler wheel. The present invention has a housing guide system (25) for controlled axial sliding of a track-tightening device (5) carried by a second movable structure (8). The second movable structure (8) being equipped with fittings (26) which interconnects with the guide system (25), said second movable structure possesses an idler wheel (3) as well as supporting rollers (22), the structure (20) and the second movable structure interact by way of guide (25) and fittings (26) to modify the wheel base between the idler wheel (3) and the back pull wheel(11) of the bogie by axial sliding. The second movable structure (8) also carries at least one supporting roller (22), capable of following the longitudinal movement of the idler wheel (3), characterized in that at least the first of said supporting rollers (22) is in constant contact with the idler wheel (3) so that the distance does not vary during the operating life of the vehicle, under any operating condition and with any range of the track-tightening device. The present invention can achieve its objectives by variation or modification of the elements disclosed and by the use of additional structural elements. The present invention also discloses a spring to mediate the interaction between the second movable structure (8) and the structure (20). Additionally, the spring possess attendant structures to aid in lubrication and support of the various components and housing typical of this type of structure.